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TAFT'S DIRE SHADOW OVER ALL

**Causes Money to Fly Under Cover,
Banks to Break, Business to
Shrink, Farm Values to
Lessen, Mills and
Mines to Close.**

**Foraker's Advice: "Go Back to Plain,
Simple, Old-fashioned
Republicanism."**

JUSTICE HARLAN'S WARNING NOTE.

Theodore Roosevelt was, till the heavy and portentous shadow of William Howard Taft's presidential aspirations fell upon his administration, the most popular President this Republic had ever known. Now, under Taftist inspiration and influence, President Roosevelt writes messages to Congress, that are received with vociferous applause by Democrats and greeted by significant silence upon the part of Republicans. Leslie M. Shaw, and Philander C. Knox have been driven out of the cabinet; Elihu Root given a back seat; George B. Cortelyou denied the full play his mastery of public affairs calls for.

Theorize as they may, the supporters of William Howard Taft stand for this platform:

1st—The perversion of the national chief magistracy into a ship.

2nd—The President to select his own successor, regardless of the people's will. In Abyssinia and Afghanistan, the rulers of the day choose their successors. Why not, argue fools and flatterers, the President of the United States do likewise?

3rd—The Executive branch of this government to dominate completely the judicial and legislative branches.

4th—Sovereign States to be reduced in fact if not in name, to counties.

5th—Government ownership of railroads through commissions appointed by the President—a Bryan plank fundamentally.

6th—The "big stick" held over every industrial and financial institution—another Bryan plank essentially.

7th—The relations between capital and labor kept in constant disturbance, through presidential loquacity and intermeddling—a third Bryan plank and no mistake.

8th—Every thing from baby cradles to battle-ships, to be subject to presidential review and intervention—another thoroughly Bryanistic doctrine.

9th—The doctrines and practices of the fathers and founders of the Republican party in reference to government of the people, by the people, for the people relegated, as far as possible, to the rear.

Forty-seven years ago, a gallant boy of little more than fifteen, Joseph Benson Foraker, left his Highland county home to fight for the preservation of the Union. He fought till secession had been killed: the Union saved. Notwithstanding that forty years of eminent services to the Republican party and to the nation have since crowned with

silvery laurels, the noble brow of this, the greatest of Ohio's sons, living in the flesh or living in history, he is still fighting for the Union—not now against the autocrats of slavery, but against the oligarchs of political selfishness, who would pervert the republic into a czardom.

Speaking to a great gathering of representative men in New York the other day, Senator Foraker said:

"Until three months ago there had not been a day for ten years when any man seeking work could not find it. Most of this time there was more work than there were laborers to perform it. Last August a prominent manufacturer of Cincinnati announced that the crying need of that city was 20,000 more wage-workers than could be found. What he said of Cincinnati might have been said of any other like city in the land. It is different now. A few days ago an officer of one of the mercantile agencies of that city stated that there were on that day, according to their report more than 30,000 idle men in Cincinnati. We have been reading in the newspapers of the last week how, in a number of the large cities of the country, great numbers of the unemployed have been calling in bodies upon their respective mayors and other municipal officials to make known their want of employment and to solicit work and help. The statement was made in the newspapers a few days ago that there are to day approximately 320,000 freight cars standing empty and idle on the side-tracks, and 8,000 locomotives idle in the round-houses, representing an investment of more than \$400,000,000, and that there are more than 30,000 unemployed trainmen who constituted the discharged train crews of this idle equipment. This a serious situation, and responsibility should not be lightly assigned. Yet, we should know the cause if we would find a remedy.

In the midst of all and over all was heard the voice of the President. Conceding that he meant well, his denunciations of predatory wealth, swollen fortunes, the criminally successful and the bad corporations were of such declamatory and frightening character that they not only increased the general dissatisfaction, but helped to create a general business distrust and alarm. He himself, recognizing that a mere statement from him that he was determined to punish and break up any kind of an offense was enough to start a run on the banks. It was not so bad,

as he thus indicated, but it was bad enough, and the result was inevitable. All market values were affected. A decline commenced. In less than twelve months it amounted to an average of more than 33 1-3 per cent. of all railroad, industrial and other stocks; a grand aggregate of more than three billions of dollars."

Senator Foraker closed by saying:

"Finally it would be most fortunate if a padlock could be provided for the muck-rakers, all of them, high and low, big and little, well-intentioned or evil intentioned, for it is high time to quit slandering the American people. They never deserved it. They were never more worthy of praise and commendation. There were never higher ideals and moral standards among the business men of the nation and there were never better methods employed by them for control and transaction of business. In this we should not only find hope and inspiration, but also a command to administer our public affairs on the theory, not that all men are dishonest, but that with the exception of the few all men are upright, and that as to even the few who may not be upright they are entitled to the presumption that they are and have a right to be heard before they are condemned.

The discussion of party politics should not be introduced on such an occasion, but I trust I may without impropriety express the belief that if, in addition to what has been suggested, the next President will be content and proud, as any man might well be, to execute plain, simple, old-fashioned Republican policies instead of his own, our prosperity will not only come again, but permanently abide with us."

The Kentucky "firebug" politicians, who call Senator Foraker a reactionary, are invited to read that distinguished, learned and luminous jurist, the Hon. John M. Harlan, of Kentucky, who has, for more than thirty years, adorned the Nation's Supreme Bench. Says Justice Harlan to his fellow countrymen, but especially to fellow Kentuckians:

"Let us, then, move on in the 'old paths, where is the good way' marked out by the fathers. Let us not give our approval to any interpretation of the Constitution that will either cripple the Nation's power and prostrate the Nation at the feet of the States, or will deprive the States of their just powers. Let us hold fast to the broad and liberal, and yet safe, rules of constitutional construction approved by the fathers and established by judicial decisions. In so doing we will sustain our dual system, under which the Government of the Union is forbidden to exercise any power not granted to it, expressly or by necessary implication, while the States will not be hindered or fettered in the exercise of powers which have not been surrendered to the Union, and are not inconsistent with the Constitution."

FLAT LICK NEWS

William Smith, the man who owns every thing in Flat Lick is the proud possessor of a big dog that follows him where ever he goes.

Mr. Feltner, the drummer, called on Noah Smith this week.

Willie Smith is at London going to school.



Death of H. C. Hoskins.

The dark angel of death is ever abroad in our land seeking whom he may devour, and none can withstand his heavy hand when once he presses his icy fingers upon the brow and claims his victim.

Harvey C. Hoskins, one of the best known and popular traveling men of our city was taken ill on Friday of January 25th, with what the family and his physician thought was a rising in his head. He suffered untold agony from the very beginning and while everything that could be done to relieve him, was done, he grew gradually worse. Finally a consultation of physicians was held and it was decided that the mastoid bone of the head was affected and Dr. Ramsey, of Pineville, was called into consultation as to whether it was best to undertake an operation. When he arrived he decided that it was too late to attempt an operation as his life was already despaired of and on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock he sank to sleep in the sleep that knows no waking, aged 37 years.

For the past few years Mr. Hoskins had represented the Strader Bros., of Louisville, in manufactured tobacco, and enjoyed an enormous sale. He was universally popular with all who knew him and he always had a smile and pleasant word for everyone he met.

He was buried from the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon by the Improved Order of Red Men of which he was an enthusiastic member, after the funeral discourse which was preached by Rev. J. D. Hitchcock, his pastor.

Although the weather was extremely cold the church was packed to overflowing by his many friends who had come out to pay their last respects to his memory.

In his death our city has lost a splendid citizen, the Red Men a true and zealous working member, and his family a loving and indulgent husband and father.

His death will cause a vacancy in the community as well as the fireside that will be greatly missed.

We extend to the family and friends our deep sympathy in the hour of sore affliction.

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All persons having claims against the estate of G. A. Doan, dec'd are requested to file them with me or Thos. D. Tinsley before March 1. 1908.

Mrs. Laura Doan, Admx.

Last Saturday was the coldest day of the season here, the thermometer registering 8 degrees above zero on that morning.

H. P. Cottengim and wife gave a dining to a number of their intimate friends Wednesday, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Cottengim. A very delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

O'Rear By Acclamation.

We have heard no other name suggested for the Appellate Bench from this the Seventh District aside from that of Hon. Ed C. O'Rear, and in fact, we see no occasion for the mentioning of any other. Judge O'Rear has proven himself to be entirely worthy of this exalted position and enjoys the utmost confidence, not only of the people of this district, but of the entire State and his broad-minded, liberal views upon all questions that come before him make him an ideal Judge. He has convictions and will not allow himself to be brow-beaten or whipped into line by any one no matter how high in authority.

Judge O'Rear is for the people, and so long as he is kept upon the Appellate bench the most humble citizen will have equal show with the most wealthy, so far as law and justice are concerned.

This District will re-elect him, and it is right that they should, no matter who might oppose him, as the people have learned his true worth and can not afford to give him up.

Four Years Rounded Out.

By glancing at the upper right corner of the first page of to-days issue you will see that it reads Vol. 4, No. 52. That means that we have rounded out four full years of the publication of the Mountain Advocate and have never failed to publish each week's issue regularly, in spite of the fact that we were told when we first started, that a newspaper could not be published here successfully. Our circulation has grown steadily from the very beginning until we have more than 1200 bona fied subscribers who are constant readers of the Advocate. We want to make the list number 2,000 this Spring. Will you help us?

If you like the Advocate tell your neighbor and ask him to subscribe. A word from you will help us and not hurt you. Lets all work to reach the 2,000 mark between now and June.

Small Blaze.

Last Tuesday afternoon the residence of Andrew Mitchell, owned by Mrs. Byrley, was discovered to be on fire on the roof. An alarm was sounded and soon a large gathering of people were on hand and with many willing hands the fire was soon under control.

There was only slight damage to the property and a considerable scare to the neighborhood as a result of the blaze.

Barbourville has the best bucket brigade we have ever seen tackle a fire in any place and it is a rare thing for a fire to get control here if discovered in time.

Sewing "Bee."

At a sewing "bee" at the home of a charming old couple in this city Monday night a most enjoyable time was had. Games, such as "Thimble," etc., were enjoyed. Ice cream was served at 11.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Subject: "Devotion" and "Our Adversaries and our Allies." Rev. A. B. Cort, pastor. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. George Johnson, pastor of the Christian Church at Williamsburg, will preach at the Christian Church, this place, Tuesday night, February 11th. Everybody has a cordial invitation.

PERSONALS Around Town

Jordan Miller is on the sick list this week.

Robert Cornett is reported on the sick list this week.

J. R. Jones attended court at Richmond last Monday.

Mr. John W. Tuggle continues quite ill.

T. C. Ward spent last Monday in Corbin.

John A. Black was in Corbin Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Y. Anderson is on the sick list, this week.

Mill Main is improving nicely and will soon be out again.

Obie Mains has gone to Arapaho, Okla., where she has entered college.

Judge James D. Black was in Williamsburg this week on professional business.

A. H. Moore made a business trip to London the first part of the week.

W. H. Green left Wednesday for Georgetown, where he will be for some time.

J. B. Stivers and wife, of Corbin, visited relatives here last Sunday and Monday.

Farmer Hoskins was summoned here last week to the bedside of his brother, Harvey Hoskins.

Editor Will H. Dyche, of Pineville, was a caller at this office while in this city last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Childers and Mary Berry have gone to Middlesboro on a visit.

Mrs. Alery Smith was taken to her mother's home at Wasoto, last Monday, where it is hoped that her health will be improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampson, who have both been laid up with an attack of grip are about able to be out again.

Mrs. M. S. Costellow was called to Louisville last Monday on account of an operation which was performed upon Dr. Albright, her son-in-law.

Hon. Sawyer A. Smith made a flying visit to this city last Sunday evening. He is looking well and seems to be enjoying his new work, making laws at Frankfort.

James Hoskins came here Sunday afternoon, being summoned by the illness of his brother, but did not arrive until after the funeral was over.

Mrs. Jesse D. Tuggle went to Corbin yesterday afternoon to see "Mrs. Wiggs in the Cabbage patch" at night.

Mr. Hiram Hoskins was called here last week from his home in Clay county, by the illness of his son, H. C. Hoskins, whose death notice appears elsewhere in to-day's issue.

Mr. H. P. Martin is enrolled in Modern and Multifarious Order of Tri-State Travelers, having in three days recently visited Indiana, Tennessee and various points in Kentucky.

Col. W. R. Hughes, who is spending the winter with his family in Florida, spent a few days at his home here the latter part of last week and the first part of this, and returned again to Florida. He called and ordered the Advocate sent to him while away as he wanted to keep up with the happenings here while absent.